RE: Convoy Updates - February 9th

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Hi sir,

OPS has issued the NR below. It's a message to the protestors warning that anyone assisting directly or indirectly in blocking traffic could be committing a criminal offence and could face charges if they do not desist.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Wednesday, February 9, 2022 3:01pm

Message to Demonstrators from the Ottawa Police Service

(Ottawa)—It is a criminal offence to obstruct, interrupt or interfere with the lawful use, enjoyment, or operation of property.

The offence is known as mischief to property.

The unlawful act of blocking streets in the downtown core is resulting in people being denied the lawful use, enjoyment and operation of their property.

We are providing you notice that anyone blocking streets or assisting others in the block of streets may be committing a criminal offence.

You must immediately cease further unlawful activity or you may face charges.

You could be arrested without a warrant for this offence if you are a party to the offence or assisting others in the direct or indirect commission in this offence.

Whether you are released on bail depends on factors contained in Part XVI of the ***Criminal Code***.

Offence-related property, including vehicles, may be seized as part of the offence. The vehicles may be detained and, following a conviction, possibly forfeited.

Charges or convictions related to the unlawful activity associated with the demonstration may lead to denial in crossing the USA border.

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Hi sir,

New updates from CBSA and GOC below. As previously mentioned, Ambassador Bridge is reporting as temporarily closed again, and all lanes at Coutts are blocked off.

CBSA: Update as of 2022-02-09 13:00H EST

New information in red below.

Bottom line/Summary:

- **Ambassador Bridge:**
  - As of 1230 ET: Bridge remains closed to inbound (to Canada) traffic. Protestors associated with Freedom Convoy continue their blockade on streets around Ambassador Bridge. Windsor Police Service (WPS) is not letting protest any vehicles onto Huron Church any longer. Employees are able to report to work, alternate routes are used if necessary. The OPP/MTO have activated digital signage at the Highway 401/402 split at London, Ontario advising US bound trucks to enter via Sarnia-Port Huron.
  - Police report that 1,000+ pedestrians and 55 vehicles are congregated in the area of Huron Church Road and College Avenue. It appears there is no plan on leaving. Several camper trailers parked with stabilizer jacks in place, with food being brought in as well as fuel cans, BBQs going and food being delivered.
  - Windsor Tunnel – no delay reported and no protest activity. There is concern for possible demonstrations at this site.

- **Blue Water Bridge:**
  - As of 1230 ET, the OPP have reported that Highway 402 westbound is closed approximately 40km east of Sarnia near Forest, Ont. OPP are closing westbound exits leading to the Blue Water Bridge on Highway 402. Truck traffic is diverted to an Emergency Detour Route (EDR). It is reported a group has begun to gather at a park near the POE, which may attempt to merge near the POE to impede border traffic. SOR continues to monitor.
  - As of 1147 ET Blue Water Bridge border wait time is 4 hrs 30 min for trucks entering Canada. US CBP are reporting zero wait for cars and trucks entering the US.

- **Coutts:**
  - No change reported from this morning. All lanes (South and North bound) have been blocked. The POE gates are closed, and POE is holding on processing traffic. CBP is engaged and will work to hold traffic (advise of delay/divert) until this latest blockade is resolved.

- **Pacific Highway:**
  - As of 08:30 PST on February 9, 2022, the demonstration continues near the POE. Currently 20-30 participants are visible, located at the side of 176 Street, between 2nd and 4th Avenues. Vehicle traffic in both North and South directions remains unaffected at this time. RCMP are aware and monitoring.

Enhanced vigilance examinations:

No new vigilance examinations reported

Intelligence Landscape

BLUF: As of February 9 at 0830 ET, the overall threat to CBSA officers and infrastructure is low.

Regional POE Impacts:

ATL:

- No impact to CBSA operations reported

Quebec:

- No impact to CBSA operations reported

NOR

- As of 12:45, Sault Ste. Marie POE has reported that the local International Bridge Administration has relayed information that a potential protest with start today. Both CBSA and International Bridge Administration are closely monitoring. At this time, there is no impact on the operation and no signs of protest activity. Sault Ste. Marie Police are aware and have contingency plans in place.

GTA:

- No impact to CBSA operations reported

SOR:

- Fort Erie (Peace Bridge): CBP partners in Detroit are reporting that General Motors (GM) will likely be diverting some outbound trucks to Canada through Buffalo due to delays at crossings near Detroit. May have an impact on Canadian bound traffic.

Blue Water Bridge:

- As of 1030 ET on 09 February 2022, at the Blue Water Bridge, it was reported that the west bound convoy (toward the BWB) is stopping in Forest, Ontario, and may stay there for up to 3 days. The purpose is to inconvenience traffic; not stop it completely. This may change depending on the actions of the other group assembling near the Blue Water Bridge.

Ambassador Bridge:

- As of 1130 ET, there are approximately 300 to 400 protestors in the area of the Ambassador Bridge. Personal vehicles, camper trailers and a small number of tractor-trailers are blocking the streets. Protestors have brought in portable washrooms and organizers are distributing food and water. There are reports that the protestors have received support and guidance from protestors involved in the Ottawa protests with some reports that protestors from other parts of Ontario coming to Windsor to participate in the blockage. Recent international media attention (US, Russia and China), combined with Provincial mandates have emboldened their cause.

PRA:

Coutts:

- As of 0845 ET, POE gates remain closed. More updates will be available following RCMP briefing this morning.

PAC:

- No impact to CBSA operations reported

GOC: New information in bold as of 12:00 EST, 09 Feb

Overview

- Effective 15 Jan, COVID-19 vaccination became mandatory for all truckers entering Canada from the US to avoid a two-week quarantine and a negative COVID-19 test before arrival.
- Similarly, beginning on 22 Jan, non-US essential workers who are crossing land borders must be fully vaccinated.

Key Points: (Details on Demonstrations in affected cities/regions)

Ottawa, ON:

- **Minimal people on Parliament Hill and surrounding streets. OPP advising there could be slow roll protests in the suburbs of Ottawa or through small towns outside of the city** (as of 10:30 EST, 09 Feb).
  - **Ottawa police say children on trucks add complication to ending trucker protest.** Link
  - Towing companies on city contracts refuse to move convoy vehicles. Link
  - Ottawa can probe foreign funding for efforts 'to undermine public safety': Mendicino. Link

Windsor, ON:

- **As of 09 Feb, the CBSA border wait time site is stating that the Ambassador Bridge is temporarily closed.**

Sarnia, ON:

- **According to TC reporting and open source information, the OPP have reported that Highway 402 westbound is closed approximately 40km east of Sarnia. A group of protestors entered the Highway and the OPP are now closing westbound exits leading to the Blue Water Bridge. A separate protest is planned in a local park near the CBSA Port of Entry, it is expected that the protest will attempt to impede inbound and outbound border traffic in Sarnia.**
- **As of 09 Feb, the Blue Water Bridge remains open to traffic in both directions.**

Fort Erie, ON:

- **Planned demonstration at Peace bridge - open source information indicates the convoy may block access to the Peace bridge on 12 Feb, with potential to impact the Fort Erie-Buffalo border crossing.**
- **Niagara bridges monitoring blockade situation in Windsor.** Link

Winnipeg, MB:

- Reports indicate small number of demonstrators outside of the Manitoba legislative building.
  - **Winnipeg mayor calls truckers protest an 'unlawful occupation,' looks to police to end it.** Link
  - **Demonstration slated for Polo Park on 12 Feb.** Link

Coutts (Port of Entry) AB:

- **RCMP reports that north and southbound lanes to the Coutts border crossing are closed due to the protester's blockade.**
  - **Traffic to and from the Canada-U.S. border crossing at Coutts, Alta. was again blocked by protesters on Tuesday evening.** Link
  - **Charges will be laid in Alberta border blockade, RCMP deputy commissioner says.** Link

Preparedness and Response efforts

Ottawa, ON :

- The GOC will host Significant Event Information Sharing Protocol (SEISP) teleconferences with partners at TBS and PCO on an ad hoc basis for the remainder of the event.
- **As of 08 Feb, police resources have made 23 arrests in relation to the demonstration and 1,300 tickets have been issued.**
- Police resources have facilitated the departure of 6-7 trucks on 08 Feb.
- NOTAM is in effect for airspace restrictions over Parliament Hill; extended until 14 Feb.
- Council votes to pin extra policing costs on those responsible for incurring them. Link
- OPS has announced on social media that "Anyone attempting to bring material supports (gas, etc.) to the demonstrators could be subject to arrest. Enforcement is underway."
- OPS additionally reports the following:
    - Continue to avoid nonessential travel to the downtown core.
- For information on planned traffic routes, road closures and location of other demonstrations nationally.
- For updates on the City of Ottawa road closures and traffic or via social media *@Ottawa_Traffic* and *@Ottawa_Circule*.

Other Jurisdictions:

- NOTAM is in effect for airspace restrictions over Queen's Park in Toronto until 13 Feb.
- NOTAM is in effect over Milk River, AB until 09 Feb; the NOTAM over Coutts, AB has been extended to 16 Feb.

Overall Assessment: (derived from information available on open sources):

- The majority of the events have been peaceful.
- Since most government employees are working remotely, the disruption to government activities is so far minor.
- There is currently no known end time for the demonstrations.

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Further information from the CBSA sir, with volume comparisons on Windsor and Sarnia POE travel:

Update as of 2022-02-09 0900H EST

New information in red below.

Bottom line/Summary:

- Ambassador Bridge: Closed to inbound (to Canada) traffic. Protestors associated with Freedom Convoy have continued their blockade on city streets around Ambassador Bridge. Employees are able to report to work, alternate routes are being used if necessary. Some US bound trucks and cars are able to navigate local streets and access the bridge plaza.

Below are volume comparisons for Windsor and Sarnia.

# Passages (Persons)	2022-01-31	2022-02-01	2022-02-07	2022-02-08
	Monday	Tuesday	Monday	Tuesday
Windsor Ambassador Bridge Travellers	2216	2212	760	21
Windsor Ambassador Bridge Commercial	3804	5216	1855	6
Windsor Tunnel	2216	3386	4428	4972
Other Commercial POEs				
Sarnia Blue Water Bridge Commercial	2238	2956	2817	5184
Sarnia Blue Water Bridge Travellers	889	810	877	592

- Windsor Tunnel – no delay reported and no protest activity.

- Blue Water Bridge: February 9, 2022, at 0845 ET, the OPP have reported that Highway 402 westbound is closed approximately 40km east of Sarnia. A group of protestors entered the Highway and the OPP are now closing westbound exits leading to the Blue Water Bridge on Highway 402. Truck traffic is being diverted to an Emergency Detour Route (EDR). A separate protest is planned for 12:00 near the CBSA POE in a local park, it is expected that the protest will attempt to merge near the POE to impede inbound and outbound border traffic at Sarnia. SOR is monitoring closely with partners. The border wait time is 4 hrs + for trucks entering Canada. There is no wait time for passenger vehicles. Urgent IT tickets has been opened to address issues in two truck lanes.
- Peace Bridge: latest update at 0845 ET – 1 min wait time for commercial trucks
- Coutts: No change reported from last night. CBSA has learned that all lanes (South and North bound) have been blocked. The POE gates are closed, and POE is holding on processing traffic. CBP is engaged and will work to hold traffic (advise of delay/divert) until this latest blockade is resolved. There is no traffic at PIL.

Enhanced vigilance examinations:
No new vigilance examinations reported

Intelligence Landscape
BLUF: As of February 8 at 1330 ET, the overall threat to CBSA officers and infrastructure is low.

Regional POE Impacts:

ATL:
- No impact to CBSA operations reported

Quebec:
- No impact to CBSA operations reported

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GTA:
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Blue Water Bridge:

- As of 0800 ET, SOR Intelligence and OPP warn of possible indications of a slow roll blockade protest on the 402 highway this afternoon in Sarnia. Bridge Authority is engaged.

Ambassador Bridge:

PRA:
Coutts:

- AS of 0845 ET, POE gates remain closed. More updates will be available following RCMP briefing this morning.

PAC:

- No impact to CBSA operations reported

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Good morning sir,

Early morning updates from CBSA on Ambassador Bridge, Coutts, and other POEs below. Some protestors have re-blocked the one lane that was opened yesterday on Ambassador Bridge.

Ambassador Bridge

- CBSA operations continue to be impacted by the blockage of Huron Church southbound and the east-west exits from the plaza at College Avenue. The POE remains closed to inbound traffic to Canada.
- US bound traffic is only able to access the plaza via Wyandotte Street plaza entrance, only a few trucks with knowledge of local surface streets are making use of this entry point
- The Windsor Police Service continue to have all northbound (US bound) traffic shut down to deny access to the protests area on Huron Church and College to prevent additional protestors from gaining access to the area.
- Protestors overnight have become emboldened by increased international media attention and were upset with decisions on the part of some protestor to allow the Police to temporarily open northbound (US bound) Huron Church to trucks. More aggressive factions within the group, then positioned to block off the northbound lanes. The group appears to be obtaining additional reinforcements as works of the prolonged protest has spread. At present, only4 to 5 tractor trailers have been involved in blocking the roadways, the majority of protestors are using personal vehicles and small trailers to block the roadway, although Police have been able to have the protestors keep on lane on Huron Church open for emergency vehicles as there is a fire hall located in the area, no border or local traffic is allowed to use these lanes.

Windsor Tunnel

- No border wait time at the Windsor Tunnel and no protest activity reported.

Sarnia Blue Water Bridge

- The CBSA border wait time at Sarnia is now 4 hours 15 minutes for commercial vehicles, no wait for travellers.
- US CBP is reporting no border wait time for US bound traffic
- Last evening reports from OPP that a group of protestors from the Sarnia area were planning to protest along Highway 402 near Sarnia to impede border traffic in support of the Windsor protests. The group was believe to be comprised of farming and Sarnia local protestors that were involved in the Sunday, February 6th protests and were reportedly planning to meet at 07:00 today outside the city. As of 07:00 hours, there has been no report of protestors amassing in the area, OPP and SOR management are monitoring and will report. In the event Highway 402 is blocked, OPP have advised that they intend to reroute trucks using Emergency Detour Routing to allow access to the border crossing.

Coutts

- Protest activity north of Coutts resulted in the highway being blocked in both directions
- No traffic was able to enter Canada overnight
- CBSA has closed the gates and are holding on processing traffic for the time being.
- CBP is engaged and will work to hold traffic (advise of delay/divert) until this latest blockade is resolved.